

World Book Day: Pip's Magical Library

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills and express creative ideas through descriptive writing and illustration.

Read the short story about Pip the caterpillar's favourite day. Answer the questions below in full sentences, then use your imagination to draw the setting described in the passage.

World Book Day is the most exciting day of the year for Pip. Pip lives inside the Great Oak Library, a hollow tree filled with thousands of books. Today, the library was transformed. Every shelf was decorated with fairy lights that glowed like tiny stars. Pip crawled over a leather-bound book and found a secret map hidden between the pages. The map led to a cosy corner filled with oversized cushions and a trunk labelled 'Stories of the World'. Pip knew that by the end of the day, he would have collected a hundred new words and travelled to a dozen different lands without ever leaving his branch.

Word bank: imagination · adventure · enchanted · treasure · discovery · wonder

1. Where does Pip live and what makes this place special? (2 marks)

2. How did the library look different on World Book Day? (2 marks)

3. What did Pip find hidden between the pages of a book? (1 mark)

4. Why does Pip feel he has travelled to different lands even though he stays in the library? (2 marks)

5. If you could pick one place in the world to hide a secret map, where would it be and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your own version of the 'cosy corner' in the Great Oak Library. Include the trunk labelled 'Stories of the World', the glowing fairy lights, and Pip the caterpillar sitting on his favourite book.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem (4-8 lines) about your favourite book character. Use at least three words from the word bank in your poem.